

## The University of Yahshua

**Yatsaq:** Today I was thinking about how simply thankful I am for the suffering I go through that's making me into His image so I can represent Him on the earth. I'm thankful He knows what it takes to make us like Him.

**Chazaq:** Our Father wants mankind to know His love. We're in a place where we are coming to know what His love is. When He created the earth it was a beautiful place; He created it in six days and then He saw that it was good and He rested. In the next age He will create a new heaven and a new earth, but now He is restoring man because He needs us.

It would be wonderful if He could just make a new heaven and a new earth right now, but He needs us to bring it about. He wants to restore man back to Him and to each other. We are a blessed people.

I'm so thankful our Father has communicated His love to us. He went to great lengths to do that for fallen man. I appreciate Him so much for doing that for us.

**Hobab:** I have been thinking about how we are learning to take care of people. That's what we were created for. Some day many people will come in and we're going to have to know how to care for them. Right now is a time of preparation. We have to be ready to receive them. We're not here to waste time. Our Master is doing a work in us through the works prepared for us to do every day.

I'm thankful to be in a place where I am being restored back to my created purpose. Man fell from that purpose, but now we are being restored back to that purpose. Now we can serve our great King, Yahshua. He is worth us suffering for. I want to be full of the kind of zeal it takes to stimulate my brothers and sisters as it says in Heb 10:24. Then we can come here and give from our spirits.

**Neviyah:** I was thinking about what we read in Isa 41:14 – "*Fear not, you worm Jacob,*" and how I don't have to fear though I'm just a little worm, because He's pleased with His worm.

When ha-emeq was speaking this morning about how the evil one will be thrown down I thought about our Master and how He is pleading our cause before our Father in heaven. And the evil one will look down and see that he's failed. We might be a fearful worm, but our Master is pleading our cause. And even if I do fall, He is pleading for me. It makes me not want to let our Master down. It makes me not want to stay a worm, but become a light to the nations.

I was reading Lk 1:46-55 (Mary's song) and I was so thankful that He is mindful of us. One day there will be heard a *shout* from heaven if we take hold of the grace that's there for us and overcome.

**Shemuel:** I'm thankful for what Neviyah said and how our Master is pleading our cause for us. He looks at us and He doesn't see us as a worm, but as His bride that He has longed for for so long. He has been looking for those who are willing to obey the Gospel. It's so important that we look at each other that way. I want to value my brothers and sisters. Our Father looks at what He's making us into. I'm thankful He sees us that way and I want to see my brothers and sisters that way and not only see their faults. If we're all like that we can intercede for each other because we know that our brothers "don't want to be that way." Then if we are like that it will bring encouragement to the whole Body.

**Chets Barur:** My abba was telling me a story he heard about World War II and D-Day. When the soldiers landed on the beach in France they realized they had made a mistake and landed a mile down from where they had calculated they were going to land, but it was too late to do anything about it. They came under enemy fire and they could have had attitudes about it, but they made do with what they had. They dug into the beach and stayed there until reinforcements came.

Now, we are on the beach and we have embarked on something and when the enemy fire comes down on us we have to keep our vision. We can't criticize one another because we have the same goal – Yahshua. We have to encourage one another. Our Father is looking for faith. We have to be willing to "step out on a limb." If we do then people will come to us and we'll have reinforcements.

Our Father is taking us somewhere. We have to have the faith to increase.

**Roi:** I was thinking about why God created man. He made man to have dominion over all of creation and the evil one. How can we do that? He created us to rule over all the earth by being in communion with Him. Our Master died to reconcile us back to God. The only way we can take dominion is to obey His commandments and be obedient to what He teaches us. Then we'll put His enemies under His feet.

Today I was reading Rom 16:19-20. I want to keep His commandments in my life so I can know that one day we will bring about His will and put the evil one under our feet. I want to be faithful to all that our Father teaches us. I want to see the evil one put down and our Master ruling over all the earth. I want to give myself to bring about His will.

1 Jn 4:17 – We are becoming like Him. If we're not, we won't have confidence in the day of judgment and we'll have to shrink back. We are not those it speaks about in Heb 10:39, but we're those that He takes pleasure in. We're in the University of Yahshua and we have to carry out our assignments faithfully, so He can take pleasure in us. If we don't, He'll take no

pleasure in us and we'll shrink back from Him. We're not of that quality of a person it speaks about in Heb 10:39. Maybe that kind of person is like a foolish virgin, not being wise to judge himself and his sins piled up. He'll cringe and shrink back when our Master returns. But those who don't shrink back will reign with our Master. Those are the faithful whose souls are being saved. Heb 10:14 – *“For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.”* Those are the holy who are being saved, those who are experiencing salvation now. We're being made holy. We're saved, but now we're *being* saved.

We are in communion with some spirit all the time — either the Holy Spirit or another spirit. If we're in tune with the Holy Spirit we'll be healed from the ways we were in the world (the social aspect of our being) as we become like Him. But it's not an automatic process. We have to give ourselves to it. So many times we drift, not knowing what we're doing. There should be discipling going on constantly as we work — people listening and learning the right way to do things. What if there's idle chatter and foolishness going on as we're going about our day? True disciples aren't foolish anymore. We're not babes anymore – we're maturing. We're being made perfect, holy. We're being saved. He's putting His laws in our hearts in a new and living way. We have to draw near to Him.

Our souls are being saved. It begins at baptism and we can't be any other way except by how His Holy Spirit teaches us to be. Our soul has to be in communion with Him. We're being saved from the foolish, reckless ways we used to be as babes. Mk 7:22 — What comes out of a man defiles his soul. Then we'll shrink back when He comes. We'll draw back because we'll know we weren't judging ourselves. If we're defiled and don't know it, we'll come to Him and He'll say, *“I don't know you.”* In that case it would be better to shrink back than to boldly come to Him. I'd rather shrink back; then it means I know Him and He'll have to correct me.

But it's better to be judged now. We have the opportunity to be judged by our brothers now so we can grow up into the Head. Pr 17:17 – *“A brother is born for adversity.”* That means we're *allied* in the same cause (struggles). Our life is a struggle. But we're allied, aren't

we? We're friends, brothers. If we're not then we haven't passed out of death and into life. We are the *true* brotherhood. Our fraternity is the real one.

So, when our Master comes back we'll either draw near or shrink back. We have to judge ourselves. If we have our sins confessed we'll come to the breaking of bread knowing we're not condemned. That's just being a "normal" disciple. We're in the University of our Master Yahshua. It's the greatest university in the whole universe!